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Commissioner Kelly asked me to get this to you Julie. Please distribute as you normally do. Thanks so much , hope all well Julie and see you soon. Ronnie

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January 15, 2021

It gives me great pleasure in welcoming the newly elected members of the Board of Supervisors in 2021. It only seems fitting and more than a coincidence with a pandemic and closing of schools that the new group consists of educators and the medical profession as the board grows and moves forward. Your enthusiasm and new ideas are much warranted and will greatly contribute to the development of our beautiful community.

I am corresponding with you today in regards to a December 2020 Resolution by Mr. Huckleberry to dissolve the Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission. He desires to eliminate the commission of five (5) members representing each supervisor to consolidate his administrative tasks. Our commission has been in existence for over four decades. It has consisted of doctors, lawyers, and other professionals who have volunteered their services and knowledge of the horse racing industry as representatives of the Board of Supervisors. In most instances, a commissioner has also been a horse race owner. I have over forty years experience in the racing industry. I have been both President & Vice-President of the Pima County Horsemen's Association. I have served as Vice-President of the Arizona County Fair Horse Racing Commission. In addition, I have been an accountant in public and private practice for over forty-five years. Finally, I have been the Pari-Mutual Manager at Rillito Park for 28 years.

The Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission (PCFHRC) has been instrumental in holding monthly meetings in conjunction with the local horsemen at Rillito Park as a venue to discuss their issues in horse racing.

They maintain an aura of trust with us and share confidence with our judgment and fiduciary responsibility. They feel this compassion and relationship will be severely diluted by a transfer to an Advisory Committee buried in a county group. I can't disagree with them! Another very important component of the horse racing industry relates to the monthly Arizona Department of Racing meetings in Phoenix.

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This is essential to attend in order to stay informed with the industry. It requires eight (8) hours per month. It is mandatory to attend this meeting to remain updated in the industry. Would the Advisory Board commit to this?

I find no justification to dissolve the PCFHRC.

If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

If the County wants change, I have a suggestion!

Your County Administrator should be retired!

He has exemplified poor leadership by requesting a pay raise during a pandemic and economic downturn.

This "Me Me Me" self absorbed attitude does not fair well when other Pima County employees are struggling to survive!!!

The timing is appropriate to send Chuck into retirement with all of his years of baggage.

The current Board can grow with their own choice of a new Administrator.

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Kelly

Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commissioner District #3